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Suggestions for Improving Your Experience at Church Services

- 1. Make church assemblies a priority.**
The more meaning worship has to you, the more meaningful it will be.
- 2. Prepare yourself ahead of time.**
A pre-focused mind and prepared heart becomes a precept for great worship.
- 3. Be on time.**
Rushing in late makes it difficult to settle into meditation.
- 4. Make your worship God-centered, not man-centered.**
Worship is giving to God. Focus on Him.
- 5. Bring your Bible.**
Following along in your own Bible makes the lessons more worthwhile and beneficial.
- 6. Participate heartily in the singing.**
Singing not only praises God, but it also instructs others, and it makes you feel better—all at the same time!
- 7. Sit in a spot where you can pay attention.**
Find a place where you are free of distractions so you can concentrate on worship.
- 8. Put your all into worship.**
Do not give God your leftovers. He deserves only your best. You will feel better for it.
- 9. Take notes.**
Writing down the main points of the class lesson and sermon helps with memory and provide resources for the future. Make every effort to apply what is learned.
- 10. Be friendly.**
Worship is enhanced when we are closer as a family.

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By Dan Jenkins

Miracles, Wonders and Signs

On Pentecost, Peter talked about “miracles, wonders and signs” which Jesus did as evidence that He was truly the Son of God (Acts 2:22). These words can be used to refer to the same event, but each of them emphasizes a unique aspect to those events. Take a moment to consider them.

They are described as miracles for they are not natural events which can occur and can be explained by mortals. They are far above this level and demand a super-natural explanation. When Jesus cured the cripple man the response was so graphic. “So that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We never saw anything like this’” (Mark 2:12). There was no natural explanation that any mortal could give. It was SUPER-natural!

These miracles are described as wonders. This word emphasizes the impact they had on those who saw them. It was truly a sense of “wonderment.” When Jesus stilled the tempest, the apostles “...were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled” (Mark 6:51). It was God’s way of calling attention to His Messenger in an awesome way.

They are called signs because they bring another message when they happen. As seen above, they gave confirmation to the One who did them. They bear witness, and they

testify. They are a message from heaven authenticating the one who performed them. This is why the apostles were empowered for each miracle, as sign of authority from heaven.

What is remarkable is that those in the first century understood some signs but failed to see the most important one. When they asked Jesus to give them a sign, He pointed out a grave situation in their lives which had an eternal consequence. The color of the clouds helped them decide about the coming weather. We express it this way in America, “Red sails at night, sailors’ delight. Red sails at morning, sailors taken warning.”

Jesus rebuked them saying, “Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matt. 16:3). Think of the hundreds, perhaps thousands, they had seen Jesus heal, but they ignored these signs of the time when the Messiah was in their midst.

This is why He refused to give the “performance” they asked for. They had seen the myriad of signs already given. He then called their attention to the ultimate sign—His resurrection after being in the grave for three days and nights. How did they respond to this event? They ignored it like they did all the other miracles, wonders and signs. Imagine being them on the Day of Judgment. However, do our lives show that we too can by faith see these signs and ignore them?

How could the Jews ignore the miracles, wonders and signs Jesus did?



By David Sproule

The Design of Your Face

Did God make you? Did He really? Some people don’t believe it. They cannot bring themselves to accept that the God of heaven created everything in this universe, including every living creature. However, if we spend some time examining the evidence around us, we will see that there is literally tons of testimonial proof to establish His creative genius and power, and one doesn’t have to go any further than just looking at his face in a mirror. Consider just a few simple elements of design.

God put eyebrows over your eyes (not under or beside) to slow the sweat from getting into your eyes. God put eyelashes on your eyelids to prevent little particles from getting in your eyes. God put eyelids over your eyes to protect your eyes and to keep them cleansed and moistened. God put two eyes in your head to give you range of vision and depth perception. And that’s not even considering the minute design elements of your eyes themselves.

God put your nose in the very center of your face so that you would naturally point your nose and face toward fresh air to breathe. God put a bridge over your nose to keep gravity from taking water into your nose inadvertently. God put little hairs in your nose to keep little particles or insects

out. And that’s not even considering the minute design elements of your respiratory system.

God put your mouth below your nose, so that you could smell your food. God put your mouth below your eyes (instead of above your eyes or on the sides of your head), so that you could see to put food in your mouth and still be able to eat and see things around you. God put your tongue and teeth inside your mouth, instead of outside your mouth. God put your tongue inside your teeth, and put your teeth in top and bottom rows for biting and chewing. And that’s not even considering the minute design elements of your digestive system.

God put your ears on the sides of your head in order to give you directionality and range of hearing. God put two ears on your head to give you stereo hearing. God put your ears in a peculiar shape to naturally capture and funnel sound into your ear canal. And that’s not even considering the minute design elements of your ears themselves.

Just look in the mirror. Your face itself has hundreds of elements of design that prove it must have been designed. It was not an accident. Everything is perfectly sized, numbered and positioned to perform its God-given function and to work together to give you the sensory perception to live and thrive. There is no doubt—God did that!

Everything is perfectly sized, numbered and positioned



By Josh Blackmer

Something from Nothing, and the Checks for Free

Science has never been the real enemy of God. God was the one to put the laws of nature in order and set the principles in motion. Being the Creator of all things, He created science. However, the enemy of God is one that denies His existence and therefore denies the evidence (Rom. 1:25). Recently, scientists have been focusing on matter from nothing experiments and this is why.

One of the arguments for the existence of God is the cosmological argument, also known as the cause and effect argument. The argument is laid out in its most simple form. The universe exists, how? It is eternal and has always existed. We know that matter is not eternal, so then it created itself from nothing. We know that nothing can come from absolute nothing, so then there must be a first cause. That first cause must be greater than the effect (the universe). That first cause is God.

James Kirk Wall (philosopher, atheist) in his book *Agnosticism: The Battle Against Shameless Ignorance* writes, "Logically it would appear that there is no point in time where nothing existed. There has always been something." He would go on to explain the world and everything in it from the basis of quantum physics. However, he admits that there had to be

something. Others in the science realm argue that there was always something. Even if it was only on the subatomic level. They have done experiments using a particle accelerator and a photon laser. Electrons were shot through a box that was one billionth of a centimeter. At the same time, photons were shot in from another direction. Photons bounced off the fast-moving electrons into other photons creating ions. The creation of the ions "out of nothing" was proof that something can come from nothing, but it wasn't nothing. There were electrons, and there were photons. Not to mention the equipment that made it happen. At the end of the day absolute nothing begets nothing. People are still grasping at thin nothing trying to explain away the existence of God.

God is the only thing we know to be eternal (Rom. 1:18-20). He claims to have created the world and gave us a beginning (Gen. 1:1). It is His creation that speaks of His great and awesome power (Psa. 19:1-6). We don't want to find ourselves in the position of questioning God as Job did. "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me" (Job 38:2-3)! The evidence for the existence of God is rock solid, and we must not waver in our convictions. We must teach them to our children and our children's children (Deut. 4:9-10). Stand firm in the knowledge of our God and His creation. Stand firm in His great love.

Stand firm in the knowledge of our God and His creation.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How could they reject Him?

We sometimes wonder how individuals could reject Jesus, right to His face, when they were witnessing supernatural, mind-blowing power demonstrated from His hands. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (he'd been dead for four days), the Jews plotted to kill both Jesus and Lazarus (John 10:45-57; 12:9-11). Such amazing unbelief! How could they?

Yet, if people could (and did) reject Jesus in the face of such miraculous evidence, it should not surprise us that they will reject His plain and easily understood teachings in our day. Jesus made this very simple statement, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). It boggles the mind today that people would then claim that being "baptized" is not necessary to "be saved." How does that follow? It doesn't!

Just as in Jesus' day, people see what they want to see, hear what they want to hear, and believe what they want to believe. May we open our eyes, ears and hearts to His truth always, without getting ourselves in the way! – DS



Do we trust that He really knows?

After the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples of Jesus took time to go fishing. However, John 21 tells us that they fished all night and "caught nothing" (21:4). These guys were professional fishermen (at least we know that Peter, James and John were). Maybe they were showing the other disciples their expertise in "how to fish." But, that morning, they had nothing.

Jesus appeared to them on the shore and told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat," and the catch was so large that they were "not able to draw it" into the boat (21:6). Can you imagine being one of the disciples? "How did He know? Wait, we fished every side last night!"

Too often today people want to question the word of Jesus and think they "know better." They might say, "I know that's what the Bible says, but I feel in my heart..." It doesn't matter who you are, what you know and where you have expertise! Jesus is the all-knowing Lord (1 John 3:20). Rather than question Him, let's trust and obey Him (Heb. 5:9; Prov. 3:5-6)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Casey Bound	having ACL surgery on May 10 at JFK North
Gloria Boyd	has been in rehab after a couple falls
Linda Coe	having knee replacement surgery on June 13
Eva Fulton	Gardens Medical Center (room 375), tests on her heart
Cynthia Ingraham	having cancer screening every three months
Dan Johnson	is back at Heartland
Cheryl Milton	surgery on May 26 for upper gum and sinus cancer
Angie Seames	diagnosed with early-stage frontotemporal dementia
Sam Simpkins	recovering from surgery for his kidney & bladder cancer
Giselle Smith	dealing with a number of health issues
Betty White	surgery on June 6 to repair a dislocated disc in her neck
Teresa Williams	having cataract surgery soon

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Johnny Davis, Jr.	chemo, kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	chemo, stage 4 lymphoma
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Marian Holland
Josie Dawson	Joan Holloway
Dianne Frye	Inell Ingram
Terri Hahn	Daniel Johnson
Margie Hardin	Betty Matter
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, fell and broke her foot
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, suffered a major stroke
Steve Stout	Jackie Stout's brother, recovering from surgery

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 8

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, May 9

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, May 10

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, May 14

- ◆ **Spring Fling & Fish Dinner at CFBC** from 2:00-6:00 p.m. There will be activities to enjoy and fish will be served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12/adults and \$7/children. RSVP by calling 352-357-6316.

Sunday, May 15

- ◆ **A Day of Prayer for CFBC.** Please keep CFBC in your prayers (their mission and vision, the campers, volunteers and staff, and the board members).
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, May 22

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, May 20

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Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 5-8

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 8

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, May 20

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Saturday, May 21

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Sunday, May 22

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Equipping & Edifying Families

Preventing Divorce

by Paul Rogers

(Centerville, Tennessee)



Again and again across the years, someone has said to me, “But I don’t want a divorce.” Then I would say to you, “Don’t have one!”

If you do not want a divorce, put your mate first. I shudder when I hear a parent say, “Oh, I put my children ahead of everything!” You should put your spouse first, knowing that the greatest gift you can ever bestow upon your son or daughter is the security which comes from knowing that mother and daddy love each other. Growing up in a house with that kind of security is better than living at Windsor Castle any day!

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to express your love to your mate. Love is never out of style or out of date. There is no taboo on tenderness in any culture. A man needs to be loved at 50 no less than on his wedding night.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to live within your means. It is a fine thing to do with, but it is even better to be able to do without successfully! Refuse to live beyond your income or to become a compulsive buyer. Piling up debts has a way of breaking down a marriage.

If you do not want a divorce then learn to build, not blast, the self-esteem of your partner. Practically all of us, from time to time, wonder about our worth. In those moments, nothing is so damaging as the discovery that the one person who ought to know and love us best is the very person who puts us down!

If you do not want a divorce, then do not marry a mate with the idea of reforming him or her. It has been my studied conclusion that very few people are ever changed by the simple action of walking down a marriage aisle.

If you do not want a divorce then learn to compromise with each other. Never forget that the sweetest words ever to fall from human lips are “I’m sorry, please forgive me.”

If you do not want a divorce, then seek and find common goals and directions. We are living in a day when each does “his own thing,” the wife going in one direction, the husband another, with rarely the twain meeting. Look for projects which can be pursued together.

If you do not want a divorce, then reject interference from in-laws and relatives. You have left your parents and must “cleave to your wife.”

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to communicate to your mate that which is in your heart. Find a way to say what you think and why. The surest road I know leading to the divorce court is the one which passes through a hall of silence.

If you do not want a divorce, then determine today that your marriage is a gift from God, set apart by God, designed to last as long as you or your spouse live and is pleasing in God’s sight. The greatest thing that can happen to a person’s marriage is to get right with the Lord! I know that is what a preacher is expected to say – but it is true – everlastingly true! When a husband gives his life to God and begins to live according to the Bible it does make a difference at home. When a wife begins to love God with all her heart, soul, and strength, it does make a difference. The children will be able to sense it, the neighbors will notice it, and the church will rejoice over it.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 1

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, May 8th

Jacqui Jenkins
Alice Nelson
Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Jackie Stout

Thursday, May 12th

Jean & Roselette Charles (Ann.)
Bree Solis

Friday, May 13th

June Pack

Monday, May 9th

Leigh Puckett

Saturday, May 14th

Mattie Cox
Carolyn Cullom
Judy Lerro

Wednesday, May 11th

John Judd

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Patrick & Kathleen Adolphin, Mr. & Mrs. Bubba & Joy Clark; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mrs. Juna Dorcelly; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Johnetta Ervin; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Miss Pamella King; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Carrie Matter; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. David Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Ms. Susan Sutton; Ms. Cecilia Tipton; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mr. David Whipple; Mr. Samuel Williams; and Ms. Staci Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. Scott & Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. John & Rochelle Lord, Delray Beach, FL; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Morgan, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Neal & Kathy Pollard, Bowling Green, KY; and Mr. & Mrs. David & Bette Sproule, Anderson, SC.

Thank You  notes

I'm very thankful to my brothers and sisters at PBL for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers during the illness and passing of my father, Herb.

Edward Gager

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.**
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.**

Sunday Morning, May 8

Singing.....Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Singing
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading..... Kirk Crews
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson Jeff Leslie
Gorman Ericksen Jerry Pittman
James Green Luther Robinson
Kameron Heitler Joseph Snyder
Hunter Hinton Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, May 8

Singing Stephen Beliech
Lord's Supper Johnny Davis
Singing
Opening Prayer Michael Ellis
Singing
Contribution
Scripture Reading Kane Campbell
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Jonathan Swayne

Wednesday Evening, May 11

Singing.....Ivan Villard
Invitation..... Victor Colage
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	May 1	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	229	181
Sun. AM Worship	339	292
Sun. PM Worship	161	122
Wed. Bible Study	119	126
Contribution	\$16,855	\$20,218

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$28,684

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

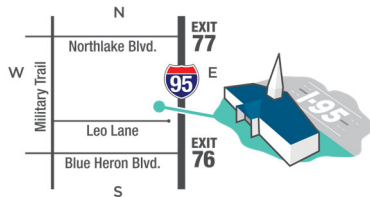
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Jim Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).

Upcoming Events

May 22

Promotion Sunday & Graduates' Luncheon

May 29

Fifth Sunday Finger Foods

June 5-8

Vacation Bible School

June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series

Theme: "Living the Abundant Life"

Speakers: Kevin Patterson, Terry Frizzell,
Terry Casey & Douglas Alvarenga

June 22-26

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

July 17-23

Jenkins/Blackmer Week at Central Florida Bible Camp